

Teacher Biography Linda Hall



I am in my sixteenth year of teaching at the high school level in the Greater Victoria School District, British Columbia, Canada. I live with my daughter, Shannon (22 years old and attending College) and my dog Smudge. My son (Jesse) is a carpenter, married with two children, and living in the Comox valley.

Over the course of my teaching career I have taught Math, Science, Special Education, and English. My varied teaching experience gives me some understanding of what makes learning relevant to students. The Arctic, its immergence onto the political scene in Canada, and the extreme environmental conditions in this region, make it a very interesting area of study. Taking the experience of this expedition into the classroom will make the issues that are facing this region more relevant to the youth that I teach.

I started my professional life as a marine biologist (1979 – 1991) working for the British Columbia provincial government. I have traveled the coast on small boats and on research vessels (while working as a biologist) in all kinds of weather. However, I have never been aboard a vessel such as an ice breaker, I have never been to the Arctic, and I have never observed scientists working from ships of this size. These are all very exciting prospects for me.

Every boater is very aware (and appreciative) of the vital role that the Canadian Coast Guard plays in search and rescue, and in maintenance of aids to navigation. On this voyage I will have the opportunity to observe, first hand, the daily operation of a Canadian Coast Guard vessel in the Arctic. After this expedition I will be presenting career information to students in Victoria, based on first hand interviews with crew members.

I am very grateful to the Canadian Coast Guard for this opportunity.

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My dog Smudge☺